(c) and (d) As per the provision of EIA notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments, decision on the proposal for environment clearance is taken within 90 days from the date of receipt of all requisite information.

Poshir Dam Project

1232. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the detailed proposal for diversion of forest land of 760 hectares required for Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-ll (Poshir Dam Project) is pending with the Department of Forests; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the environment clearance is likely to be given to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No proposal for diversion of fo?6st land has been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) The proposal for grant of environmental clearance received by the Ministry has been closed as requisite details pertaining to flora and fauna were not furnished by the State Government. Also, Environment Impact Assessment report of the project has not been received from the project authority. Similarly, Public Hearing as required under Law has also not been carried out.

Pollution in Ganga river

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SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Ganges flows along 2,525 kilometres in the country;

(b) if not, the facts thereof, and whether it is also a fact that nearby 1000 big and small towns inhabited along the banks of this river;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.